

In the Specification:

Please amend the section of the specification appearing on page 9, line 31 through page 10, line 4 as follows:

Turning now to the figures, in which similar reference numerals indicate similar elements in the several figures, FIG. 1 is sootblower **10** including an integral packing unit **12** shown in a fully retracted position. A typical sootblower **10** suitable for using the integral packing unit **12** is described in commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,892,679 Application Serial No. _____, entitled "Multi-Media Rotating Sootblower and Automatic Industrial Boiler Cleaning System," filed contemporaneously with the present application, which is incorporated herein by reference. Those skilled in the art will recognize that other types of sootblowers requiring steam or similar seals may also use the integral packing unit **12** or a variation of this device.